area and Vasundhara area during the year 2002 under SDO(P) Kaushambi, Ghaziabad has been reported wherein the contractor is alleged to have raised the bills for U/G cable and other items more than that issued to him. The case has been made over to CBI for investigation.

(c) Cable laying works are carried out and acceptance tested as per specifications and norms of BSNL Headquarters.

(d) Instructions have been circulated to accept the bills strictly after store reconciliation, prescribed checks at different levels and acceptance testing only.

Issuance of orders by District Magistrates

122. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some District Magistrates in certain States have issued order to cellular service providers to suspend operations during the specified period in the day to check malpractices during polls and exams;

(b) if so, whether the orders issued by these District Magistrates tantamount to violation of jurisdiction of the Department of Telecommunications; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that the service providers are not harassed by local administration and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Department of Telecommunications has written to respective State Government for suitably advising their concerned officers for not issuing orders for suspension of mobile services at their level and if it is felt that suspension of mobile service in any area is essential for maintaining law and order situation, they may bring the same to the notice of this Department for taking appropriate action.